State Ballot Measures - Q&A

November 4, 2008 Election

1. A primarily formed ballot measure committee for the November 4th election is filing online \$5,000 and election cycle reports. Is it required to file paper copies of its late contribution reports during the late reporting period?

A: No.

- 2. After the election, must the ballot measure committee continue filing quarterly reports?
- A: Provided the committee does not make a contribution to another ballot measure, or change its character to support/oppose other measures or candidates, it would file semi-annual statements until the committee is terminated. If the committee does make contributions or expenditures to support/oppose other measures, quarterly filings may be required. In addition, the committee must continue filing online \$5,000 reports until it is terminated.
- 3. Must a primarily formed ballot measure committee supporting a measure on the November 2008 ballot file on the June 2008 pre-election schedule?
- A: No. As long as the committee is only making expenditures in connection with the November election, the committee must file semi-annual statements and quarterly statements. The committee will file pre-election statements by October 6, 2008 (the regular October 5 filing deadline falls on Sunday), and October 23, 2008. (Refer to the November 4, 2008 Election Filing Schedule.)
- 4. Must a primarily formed ballot measure committee file the online \$5,000 report if it makes contributions of \$5,000 or more to another ballot measure committee?
- A: Not if the contribution is made to another committee primarily formed to support or oppose the same state ballot measure or another measure on the same ballot.